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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for identifying the subject matter considered allowable:

- Claims 2-7, 18, 19, 21 and 22, which stand objected to as dependent upon a rejected based claim.
- Claims 23-32.

Applicants have combined claims 1 and 2, so that all of the claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

Claims 2, 3 and 18 stand objected to because of the language used. Claim 2 has been cancelled and the subject matter inserted into claim 1 in a manner that did not require the change suggested in the Action to be made. Claim 3 has been amended to recite "element" in place of "structure" as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 18 has been amended to delete the phrase with the language objected to because of the amendment to claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by WO 00/64670 and US 4,960,631 Walters et al. The subject matter of claim 2 has been inserted into claim 1, so these rejections are now moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103

Claims 11-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over WO 00/64670 in view of applicants' alleged acknowledgement of the state of the art and US 4,799,346 Bolton et al. Claims 16, 17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over WO 00/64670 in view of applicants' alleged acknowledgement of the state of the art and US 4,799,346 Bolton, further in view of US 6,158,182 Biebuyck. Claims 15 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over WO 00/64670 in view of US 6,158,182 Biebuyck.

The subject matter of claim 2 has been inserted into claim 1, so these rejections are now moot.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 combined with claim 2.

Claim 3 is amended as suggested by the Examiner in paragraph 1 of the Office Action.

Claim 18 is amended to delete subject matter which has been incorporated into claim 1.

Claim 23 is amended to add the word "exterior" for consistency, to positively recite the support structure, and to clean up the claim.

Claim 31 is amended so that it depends from the independent "building" claim. It had the wrong claim dependency.

Claim 32 is amended so that it properly depends from claim 30.

Entry and consideration are respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested. Should there remain any matters unresolved by this Response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed direct dial telephone number in order to expedite prosecution.

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